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# Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

**Post-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete this form within 30 days of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**  
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Battelle Energy Alliance and the ClearPath Foundation

Travel date(s): August 29 - August 31

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$1285.60	\$205.66	\$58.54	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See attached itinerary for complete list of visits. The National and Homeland Security overview meeting discussed the technological advances INL is working on.

The INL Lab Director discussed the challenges the lab faces, namely efficiency, and invitees discussed what takeaways we came away with from our tour.

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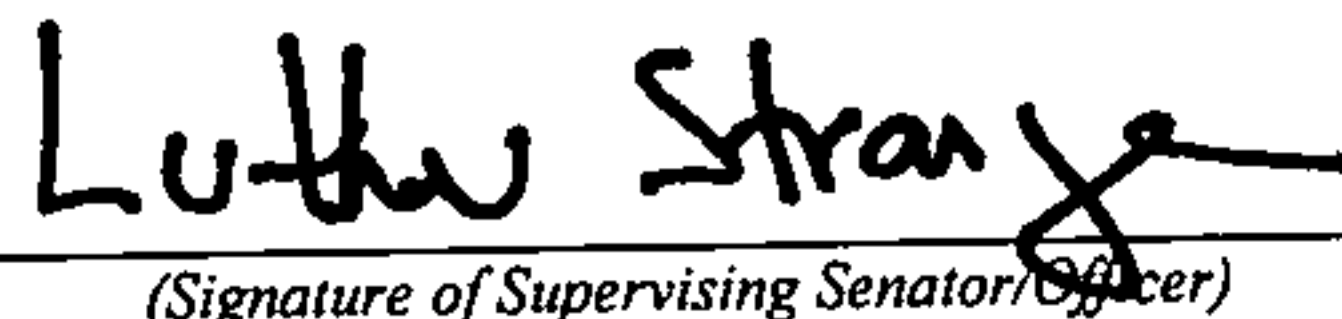
WILLIAM BATSON  
(Printed name of traveler)

  
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

9/13/2017  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

**EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION**

**Pre-Travel Filing Instructions:** Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at [ethics.senate.gov](http://ethics.senate.gov). Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Will Batson

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Strange (R-AL)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Battelle Energy Alliance and the ClearPath Foundation

Travel date(s): August 29-31, 2017

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Idaho Falls, Idaho

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As the Legislative Assistant responsible for energy issues, this trip will provide me with a tour of the Idaho National Lab facilities relating to nuclear energy research and development. The nuclear industry has a strong presence in Alabama. There are nuclear plants owned by both TVA and Southern Company in the State. Also, there is a nuclear presence at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, AL. With Senator Strange being on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, this trip will allow me the opportunity to learn more about nuclear energy, enabling me to better serve the constituents of Alabama.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

7/28/17  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Employee)

( ) TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

( ) I, Luther Strange hereby authorize Will Batson  
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

( ) an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

( ) I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

7/28/17  
(Date)

  
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

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3. Dates of travel: August 29-31, 2017
4. Place of travel: Idaho Falls, Idaho
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Will Batson, Legislative Assistant to Senator Strange  
Andy Zach, Senior Professional Staff Member for House Energy and Commerce Committee
6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories: Travis Cone, Senior Energy Adviser to Senator Capito  
☐ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
**OR**  
☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
**AND**  
☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I certify that:  
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
**AND**  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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**-OR-**

  
☒ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  

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**-AND-**

  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

**OR**

- ☒ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

**OR**

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

The Idaho National Laboratory is located in Idaho Falls, Idaho. The lengthy long distance air travel from Washington, DC requires two over night stays to accommodate a one-day tour event.

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

Together, the Battelle Energy Alliance and the ClearPath foundation have developed a one day agenda for this congressional staff trip. The ClearPath foundation will sponsor the traveler's airfare while the Battelle Energy Alliance will sponsor hotel accommodation, meals, and ground transportation.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:  
See attached document.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

The Battelle Energy Alliance has sponsored a trip for a House of Representatives staff member.

The ClearPath Foundation does not have a history of sponsoring congressional trips.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

See attached document.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate  <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$800 flight - \$0 ground transportation - Battelle Energy Alliance owned vans will be used to transport congressional staff	\$182.00	\$127.50	

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This tour was arranged with regard to congressional participation. It is similar to tours that BEA provides for all other visitors.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The Idaho National Laboratory is located in Idaho Falls, ID.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Marriott Residence Inn (or equivalent) in Idaho Falls, ID. The hotel is not booked at this time.

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Proximity to Idaho National Laboratory and per diem rate.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

The daily expenses match the per diem rates for official Federal Government Travel.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach transportation will be provided.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

N/A

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



Name and Title: Sarah Chilton, Governmental Affairs Specialist

Name of Organization: Idaho National Laboratory / Battelle Energy Alliance

Address: 955 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Suite 6000A

Telephone Number: (202) 475-2218

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: sarah.chilton@int.gov





## Batson, Will (Strange)

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**From:** Chilton, Sarah M <sarah.chilton@inl.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 9:22 AM  
**To:** Batson, Will (Strange)  
**Cc:** Spencer Nelson  
**Subject:** Invitation to tour the Idaho National Lab - Aug 30  
**Attachments:** INL CP congressional staff visit 8-30-17.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

**Categories:** 7-LEG FOLLOW UP

Good morning, Will,

I am writing to invite you to participate in a congressional staff tour of the Idaho National Lab next month.

The purpose of this visit is to provide an opportunity to see nuclear energy R&D first hand and discuss the future for advanced reactors. Please see the attached agenda for additional details. The trip is planned for Wednesday, August 30.

The ClearPath Foundation, whose mission is to accelerate conservative clean energy solutions by working with policy makers and industry, has generously offered to co-sponsor this trip with the Idaho National Lab (the contractor is the Battelle Energy Alliance). Together, we will cover the cost of your travel and work with you through the process with the Ethics Committee.

The paperwork for the Ethics Committee is due no later than 30 days out from travel, so we would need to have that submitted to the Ethics Committee by the end of this week.

Thank you for considering this invitation, especially under this short notice, and please contact me if you have questions or need additional information.

More information on the Idaho National Lab can be found here: [inl.gov](http://inl.gov) More information on ClearPath can be found here: [clearpath.org](http://clearpath.org)

Sarah

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Sarah Chilton  
Governmental Affairs  
Idaho National Laboratory  
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**Draft Agenda**

<b>Tues, Aug 29</b>	<b>Travel to Idaho Falls, ID</b>
<b>Weds, Aug 30</b>	<b>Tour Day</b>
8:00am	INL welcome and overview
8:30am	Depart for Advanced Test Reactor Complex (ATR)
9:30am	Tour Advanced Test Reactor
10:30am	Depart for Transient Reactor Test Facility (TREAT)
10:45am	Tour TREAT
11:45am	Depart for Materials and Fuels Complex (MFC)
12:00pm	INL hosted lunch with MFC overview
12:45pm	Tour Hot Fuel Examination Facility
1:30pm	Tour Space Battery
2:30pm	Depart for Idaho Falls
3:30pm	Briefing on Critical Infrastructure and Cyber Security
4:30pm	Closeout meeting with Laboratory Director Mark Peters
5:30pm	Dinner – advanced reactor discussion
<b>Thurs, Aug 31</b>	<b>Travel Day</b>

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25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (You must include the completed signature block below for each travel sponsor.):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Sarah Chilton

Name and Title: Sarah Chilton, Governmental Affairs Specialist

Name of Organization: Idaho National Laboratory / Battelle Energy Alliance

Address: 955 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Suite 6000A

Telephone Number: (202) 475-2218

Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: sarah.chilton@inl.gov

## Senate Ethics Committee Primary Trip Sponsor Form

13. The Idaho National Lab is part of the US Dept. of Energy's complex of national Laboratories. It is operated by the Battelle Energy Alliance for the US Dept. of Energy. The Idaho National Lab is the nation's leading center for nuclear energy research and development.

The Idaho National Lab's mission is to discover, demonstrate and secure innovative nuclear energy solutions, other clean energy options and critical infrastructure.

The ClearPath Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to accelerate conservative clean energy solutions by working with policy makers and industry.

The Battelle Energy Alliance, with the ClearPath Foundation, wishes to provide an educational tour and briefings for congressional staff that highlight the nation's important nuclear energy research and development work. This is a unique opportunity to see this work first-hand.

15. The Battelle Energy Alliance has participated in educational activities on Capitol Hill including congressional staff educational briefings and caucus sponsored events such as National Lab Day on the Hill. In Idaho Falls, the Battelle Energy Alliance is involved in numerous STEM programs that focus on early exposure for youth, and promote education and inclusion in STEM fields.

Signature of Travel Sponsor: Spencer Neal

Name and Title: Spencer Nelson, Policy Associate

Name of Organization: ClearPath Foundation

Address: 611 Maryland Ave NE, Washington DC 20002

Telephone number: 919-491-4778

Fax Number: N/A

Email address: nelson@clearpath.org

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DEBORAH SUE MAYER, CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR  
EMILY GERSON, CHIEF CLERK

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TDD: (202) 228-3752

## SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

**August 16, 2017**

**Will Batson  
Office of Senator Luther Strange  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510**

Dear Mr. Batson:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to participate in a site visit to the Idaho National Laboratory, in Idaho Falls, Idaho on August 29-31, sponsored by Battelle Energy Alliance (BEA) and the ClearPath Foundation (ClearPath). BEA and ClearPath certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that they will pay the *necessary expenses*<sup>1</sup> related to the travel and that they are neither lobbyists, nor lobbying firms, nor agents of a foreign principal, and they are not otherwise acting as representatives or agents of a foreign government. However, BEA and ClearPath have certified that they are organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code<sup>2</sup> that retain or employ registered lobbyists and that no registered lobbyist will accompany you at *any point throughout your trip*.<sup>3</sup>

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip may be accepted under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel*, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, BEA and ClearPath are neither registered lobbyists nor lobbying firms under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor agents of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and are not otherwise acting as representatives or agents of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the

<sup>1</sup> The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 8.

<sup>2</sup> 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

<sup>3</sup> The term “any point throughout your trip” has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics’ Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms* at 2.

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Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,<sup>4</sup> on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$390 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

Sincerely,

**Deborah Sue Mayer**  
**Chief Counsel and Staff Director**

<sup>4</sup> A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$124,406 for CY 2017) or is a political fund designee and is required to file Financial Disclosure Reports.

# ClearPath Congressional Staffers

**Wednesday, August 30, 2017**

## Business Casual

**Attire:** Sturdy shoes with closed-toe and closed-heel that cover the whole foot are required. Must wear long, natural fiber slacks (cotton) due to the sensitivity of INL personal contamination monitors and their ability to read naturally occurring radon, which is attracted to synthetic fiber (i.e., polyester).

Spencer Nelson, ClearPath  
Travis Cone, Sen. Capito staffer  
Will Batson, Sen. Strange staffer  
Andrew Zach, House Energy and Commerce Committee  
Ben Reinke, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Host: Mark Peters  
Protocol Officer: Lori McNamara

Revision Number 5  
Aug. 24, 2017

Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2017

**Glen Tait will provide transport visitors from the hotel to the Energy Innovation Center/INL Meeting Center**

**Energy Innovation Center/INL Meeting Center, 775, University Blvd., Idaho Falls**

**EIL-A114**

8:00 National and Homeland Security Overview.. ..... Zach Tudor  
Associate Lab Director, National & Homeland Security

8:45 Depart for Transient Reactor Test (TREAT) Facility.. ..INL Tours

**TREAT**

9:30 Tour TREAT.. ..... John Bumgardner  
Director, Resumption Transient Testing Program

10:30 Depart for Materials and Fuels Complex (MFC).. ..INL Tours

**MFC**

10:45 Tour Hot Fuels Examination Facility (HFEF).. ..... Heather Chichester  
Director, Post-irradiation Examination

**MFC-752 Access Grid Conference Room**

11:30 Working Lunch: MFC Overview.. ..... Eric Papaioannou  
Director, MFC Operations, Maintenance, Utilities & Infrastructure

Advanced Post-irradiation Examination Discussion ..... Mitch Meyer  
Director, characterization & Advanced Post-irradiation Examination

**Lunch Participants**

Spencer Nelson	Eric Papaioannou
Will Batson	Kelly Lively
Ben Reinke	Glen Tait
Travis Cone	<u>Mitch Meyer</u>
Andrew Zach	Heather Chichester
	INL Tour Guide

12:30 Tour Space and Security Power Systems Facility (SSPSF)..... Kelly Lively  
Program Manager, Radioisotope Power Systems

2:00 Depart for Advanced Test Reactor (ATR) . ..INL Tours

2:30 ATR Overview and Tour.. ..... Dave Schoonen  
Chief Operating Officer, ATR Complex

Idaho National Laboratory

3:30	Depart for Engineering Research Office Building (EROB)/Idaho Falls..	..INL Tours
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**EROB**

4:30 Closeout meeting with INL Laboratory Director... .. Mark Peters' Office

**5:30 Adjourn..**

6:30 Working Dinner .. ..GAIN Overview

***Dinner: Copper Rill, 415 River Parkway, Idaho Falls***

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Travis Cone  
Andrew Zach

Glen Tait  
Rita Baranwal  
Lori Braase  
Kemal Pasamehmetoglu